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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Cancel claims 1, 2 and 5-22, without prejudice and substitute the following claims:

43. Implant for the reconstruction of soft tissue, said implant comprising: a unitary sheet of a physiologically compatible material having a thickness of 10 200 μm and a surface that is wettable by a fluid lubricant, said unitary sheet being folded to form adjacent layers forming the implant, the adjacent layers being slidable on one another.

44. Implant according to claim 43, wherein said implant has a hydrophilized surface.

45. Implant according to claim 43, wherein said surface of said thin sheet is hydrophilized and said implant contains an aqueous fluid wetting the hydrophilized surface as the lubricant.